

STATE OF VERMONT  
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7496

Investigation into Central Vermont Public Service       )  
Corporation's staffing levels                                       )

Order entered: 12/2/2009

**ORDER RE COMPLIANCE FILING SCHEDULE**

Our August 20, 2009, Order in this proceeding required that Central Vermont Public Service Corporation ("CVPS") issue, within 90 days of that Order, a Request for Proposals ("RFP") for a management consultant to perform the comprehensive review of CVPS's organizational structure and staffing levels and costs recommended by the 2008 business process review conducted by the Huron Consulting Group ("Huron Report").<sup>1</sup>

On November 18, 2009, CVPS filed a request for an extension of time to issue this RFP. CVPS stated that it is negotiating with the Vermont Department of Public Service ("DPS") regarding the open issues in this Docket. According to CVPS, the purpose for the requested extension of time is to allow these settlement negotiations to conclude. If the negotiations are successful, CVPS anticipates filing a Memorandum of Understanding, rather than an RFP.

CVPS's filing states that the DPS consents to the requested extension.

We are pleased that CVPS and the DPS are negotiating regarding the issues remaining in this proceeding. As we stated in our August 20 Order, the Huron Report clearly articulated the need for better communication and an improved working relationship between CVPS and the DPS.<sup>2</sup> Negotiations in this proceeding are a step toward this goal.

Therefore, we grant the requested extension.

On December 1, 2009, CVPS filed a settlement agreement with the DPS. The Board will determine as part of its review of the settlement agreement whether a new date should be

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1. Order of 8/20/09 at 15 (Order paragraph 1).

2. Order of 8/20/09 at 15.

established for the issuance of an RFP, or whether the Board's August 20, 2009, Order should be amended to remove this requirement.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 2<sup>ND</sup> day of December, 2009.

<u>s/James Volz</u>	)	
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<u>s/David C. Coen</u>	)	BOARD
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<u>s/John D. Burke</u>	)	

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: December 2, 2009

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson  
Clerk of the Board

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